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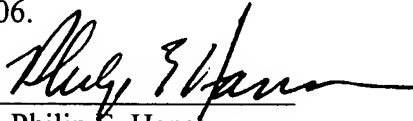
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.115(b)(2)(i)

Dear Sir:

This paper, the signed declaration and the required fees are filed in response to a Notification of Missing Requirements for the above application. The Notification of Missing Requirements was mailed out August 29, 2005; it set forth a two-month period for response. In light of a request for three-month extension and fee therefor, enclosed herewith, response is due January 29, 2006. This response is therefore timely filed.

Prior to examination, and prior to calculating the fees [see MPEP 607], please amend the specification and claims as follows: